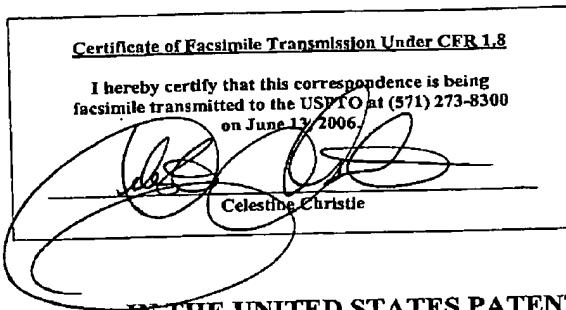


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**AMENDMENT B**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2006, kindly amend the above-captioned application and consider the accompanying remarks.

An Affidavit Under 37 CFR 1.131 and evidence thereof is also being transmitted concurrently, herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2;  
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6;  
Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 15; and  
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